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SUBJ: UN SSOD: SWISS REQUEST TO SPEAK AT SSOD; SOVIET EFFORTS TO
INTRODUCE ERW ISSUE

1. DURING CAL ON POLITICAL DEPT SECGEN WEITNAUER
MAY 5, WEITNAUER SAID IT UNLIKELY SWISS WOULD INSIST
ON SPEAKINGAT UNSSOD ASSEMBLY SESSION. WEITNAUER
CONTRASTED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE
OF THE NINE TO THE SWISS PROPOSAL AS CONTRASTED WITH
RESERVATIONS OF US. WEITNAUER WAS OF VIEW THAT SWISS
CASE COULD BE DIFFERENTIATED FROM THAT OF ORGANIZATIONS
WHICH MIGHT INSISIT ON SPEAKING. HE SAID THAT SWISS
WERE NOW THINKING FOF ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO MAKE THEIR
VIEWS HEARD ON DISARMAMENT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT APPEAR
BEFORE THE UNGA ITSELF.

2. CHARGE SAID QUESTION OF APPEARING BEFORE ASSEMBLY WAS NOT SO CLEAR CUT AS WEITNAUER SEEMED TO SUGGEST. ALSO STRESSED THAT SWISS WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR POINTS KNOWN DURING PLENARY COMMITTEE SESSIONS. POINTED OUT THAT WHAT WAS SAID WAS PERHAPS CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHERE IT WAS SAID. CHARGE TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY, DRAWING ON STATE 110723, TO DISCUSS SOVIET EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE ERW ISSUE PROMINENTLY INTO UNSSOD, AND EXPRESSED HOPE SWISS WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DISCOURAGE THIS UNHELPFUL COURSE OF EVENTS. CROWLEY

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